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FOLLOWING IS CLEARED TEXT OF STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY
US REPRESENTATIVE AT OPENING MEETING OF CCD'S SUMMER 1975
SESSION JUNE 24: BEGIN TEXT:

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1. MR. CHAIRMAN, DURING THE COMING WEEKS MUCH OF OUR ATTENTION WILL BE DEVOTED TO SUBJECTS RELATIVELY NEW TO THE CCD, NOTABLY THE ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS AND MILITARY ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION ACTIVI-

TIES. MY DELEGATION INTENDS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN OUR DELIBERATIONS ON THESE AND ON THE OTHER ISSUES BEFORE US. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A PRODUCTIVE SESSION.

2. AS WE BEGIN, I WOULD LIKE BRIEFLY TO REVIEW SOME SIGNIFICANT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS THAT BEAR ON OUR WORK AND LOOK AHEAD TO SOME OF THE SPECIFIC ITEMS ON OUR AGENDA. ONE IMPORTANT EVENT OCCURRED ON MAY SECOND, WHEN THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY ENTERED INTO FORCE FOR THE FIVE NON-NUCLEAR EURATOM COUNTRIES--BELGIUM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, AND THE NETHERLANDS--MARKING A MILESTONE IN THE MOVEMENT TO PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. MY GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THIS DEVELOPMENT WITH GREAT SATISFACTION. WE ALSO WELCOME RECENT RATIFICATIONS OF THE TREATY BY COUNTRIES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, THE GAMBIA, RWANDA, AND LIBYA.

3. ANOTHER IMPORTANT EVENT THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE WE LAST MET WAS THE REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE NONPROLIFERATION TREATY. MY GOVERNMENT WAS IMPRESSED THAT, DESPITE SOME EXPECTED DIFFERENCES OF VIEW ON THE TREATY'S IMPLEMENTATION SO FAR AND ON PRIORITIES FOR PROMOTING ITS FUTURE EFFECTIVENESS, THE NPT PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE DEMONSTRATED THEIR OVERRIDING COMMON INTEREST IN ENSURING THE SUCCESS OF THE TREATY AND THUS IN PREVENTING THE FURTHER SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

4. THE MOST TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF THIS SHARED INTEREST WAS THE ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS OF THE CONFERENCE FINAL DECLARATION. WHILE NO CONSENSUS DOCUMENT CAN FULLY REFLECT THE PREFERENCES OF ALL PARTICIPATING STATES--AND UNDOUBTEDLY MANY PARTICIPANTS AT THE REVIEW CONFERENCE FELT THAT SOME OF THEIR VIEWS DESERVED TO BE INCLUDED OR GIVEN GREATER EMPHASIS--I AM SURE THAT THE DECLARATION WILL BE GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS A DOCUMENT OF CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE.

5. INDEED, THE DECLARATION COMES TO GRIPS WITH ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF TODAY--NAMELY, THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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CHALLENGE OF HARNESSING NUCLEAR ENERGY TO HELP MEET PRESSING WORLDWIDE ENERGY NEEDS, PARTICULARLY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN A MANNER THAT WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITIES. WE ARE PARTICULARLY GRATIFIED THAT THE CONFERENCE GAVE STRONG SUPPORT FOR STRENGTHENING COMMON NUCLEAR EXPORT REQUIREMENTS, FOR PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS, FOR CONTINUING AND INCREASING NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTY TO THE NPT, AND FOR ACCELERATING THE EXAMINATION OF THE UTILITY OF REGIONAL OR MULTINATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTERS. UNDERLYING THESE CONSTRUCTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

WAS THE RECOGNITION THAT THE FULL EXPLOITATION OF THE PEACEFUL POTENTIAL OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WOULD BE INCONCEIVABLE WITHOUT A RELIABLE FRAMEWORK TO GUARD AGAINST THE DANGERS OF DIVERSION TO DESTRUCTIVE PURPOSES. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE COURSE OF ACTION OUTLINED IN THE DECLARATION WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE NPT AND PROMOTE STILL WIDER ADHERENCE TO IT.

6. WITH RESPECT TO THE NPT'S ROLE IN FURTHERING EFFORTS TO HALT THE ARMS RACE, THE DECLARATION WELCOMES THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE SINCE THE TREATY'S ENTRY INTO FORCE, BUT RECOGNIZES THAT MUCH HAS YET TO BE DONE. IT THEREFORE CALLS FOR CONSTANT AND RESOLUTE EFFORTS BY ALL NPT PARTIES, ESPECIALLY THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS, TO IMPLEMENT

ARTICLE VI OF THE TREATY FULLY AND EFFECTIVELY. THE CONFERENCE ACKNOWLEDGES THE UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION THAT THE CCD CAN MAKE IN THESE EFFORTS. THE UNITED STATES, FOR ITS PART, WILL CONTINUE TO WORK DILIGENTLY IN THIS COMMITTEE AND IN OTHER FORUMS TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EFFECTIVE MEASURES OF ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT IN FURTHERANCE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF NPT ARTICLE VI. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION WILL SOON RESUME THEIR NEGOTIATIONS IN THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS TO WORK OUT A NEW AGREEMENT LIMITING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS THROUGH THE NEXT DECADE. IN ADDITION, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE CONTINUING WORK ON AN AGREEMENT GOVERNING PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS UNDER ARTICLE III OF THE THRESHOLD TEST BAN TREATY SIGNED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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1974.

7. LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR OWN WORK, THE COMMITTEE HAS SCHEDULED INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 14 TO EXAMINE THE ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. THIS TOPIC ENCOMPASSES SEVERAL DISTINCT ISSUES, INCLUDING, AS I NOTED AT OUR SPRING SESSION, THE IMPLICATIONS OF PNES FOR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT BY EXISTING NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES AS WELL AS THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPON CAPABILITIES AMONG NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES. I PLAN TO TURN TO THESE ISSUES IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND TABLE A WORKING PAPER TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE INFORMAL MEETINGS, IN WHICH US EXPERTS WILL PARTICIPATE.

8. I ALSO WISH TO CONFIRM THAT UNITED STATES EXPERTS WILL TAKE PART IN THE INFORMAL MEETINGS ON MILITARY USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES, SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A BROADLY BASED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE COURSE OF THE

SUMMER SESSION.

9. AS OUR OWN WORK IN THE COMMITTEE PROCEEDS, THE GROUP OF EXPERTS WE ESTABLISHED LAST SPRING WILL BE CARRYING OUT ITS STUDY OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES. AS I STATED EARLIER, WE THINK IT UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT THE EXPERTS TO BE ABLE TO DRAW UP UNIVERSALLY APPLICABLE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH ZONES. BUT BY IDENTIFYING AND THOUGHTFULLY EXAMINING THE BROAD RANGE OF FACTORS INVOLVED IN SETTING UP EFFECTIVE NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES, THE EXPERTS' WORK COULD BE OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE, PARTICULARLY TO COUNTRIES CONSIDERING THE ROLE THAT SUCH ZONES COULD PLAY IN THEIR REGIONS IN SUPPORT OF NONPROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES.

10. AT OUR SPRING SESSION A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE STATUS OF THE US-SOVIET COMMITMENT TO CONSIDER A JOINT CCD INITIATIVE WITH RESPECT TO THE CONCLUSION, AS A FIRST STEP, OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION DEALING WITH THE MOST DANGEROUS, LETHAL MEANS OF CHEMICAL WARFARE. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SESSION I
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REAFFIRMED THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES VIEWS THE COMMITMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD NOW THAT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE CONTINUED WITH A VIEW TO FINDING AN APPROPRIATE MEANS OF CARRYING OUT A POSSIBLE JOINT INITIATIVE.

11. AT THE CLOSE OF THE SPRING SESSION I REITERATED MY GOVERNMENT'S LONG-STANDING INTEREST IN EXPLORING REGIONAL APPROACHES TO CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL AND SUGGESTED A NUMBER OF ILLUSTRATIVE PRINCIPLES OF RESTRAINT THAT COULD BE APPLICABLE ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS TO THE ACQUISITION OR TRANSFER OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS ONCE AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE MY GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO EXAMINING ALL PRACTICAL MEANS OF ACHIEVING RESTRAINTS IN THE CONVENTIONAL ARMS FIELD, AND TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THESE SUGGESTIONS HAVE PROVIDED A SPUR TO FURTHER THOUGHT BY MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE. LET ME ENCOURAGE OTHER DELEGATIONS TO JOIN IN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT; MY DELEGATION WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS, WHETHER MADE FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY.

12. MR. CHAIRMAN, I BELIEVE WE CAN ADD A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO THE CCD'S RECORD THIS SUMMER. MY DELEGATION, FOR ITS PART, WILL OFFER ITS FULL COOPERATION IN OUR WORK TOWARD THAT END. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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